

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are now pending in the application. New claim 25 has been added. Claims 5-10, 13, 16-21, and 24 have been amended. Specifically, claims 5, 7, 9, 13, 16, 18, 20, and 24 have been rewritten in independent form. Claims 1-4, 11-12, 14-15, and 22-23 have been cancelled. Support for the new claims and the claim amendments can be found in the written description, claims, and drawings as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Minor amendments have been made to the specification to simply overcome the objection to the title. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

SPECIFICATION

The title stands objected to for certain informalities. Applicants have amended the title according to the Examiner's suggestions. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-4, 11, 14, and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Daniel et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,046,190, hereinafter Daniel) in view of Miida (U.S. Pub. App. No. 2003/0064539 A1, hereinafter Miida). Claims 12, 15, and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Daniel in view of Miida in view of Osato et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,021,280). Claims 1-4, 11-12, 14-15, and 22-23 have been cancelled, rendering these rejections moot.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that claims 5-10, 13, 16-21, and 24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has therefore rewritten claims 5, 7, 9, 13, 16, 18, 20, and 24 in independent form. Claims 6, 8, 10, 17, 19, and 21 depend from allowable claims that have now been rewritten in independent form. In addition, new claim 25 has been added, which incorporates the allowable subject matter of claim 13.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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